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**Title:** **A method of graphical objects recognition using the integrity principle.**

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Dear Mr. Patel !

Please, find herewith the reply to the Office Action dated 01/09/2007 for the above-identified patent application.

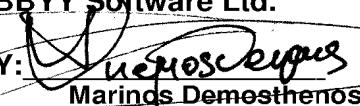
Please, find the detailed decision on appeal and amended specification sheets in accordance with the 37 CFR 1.121.

In a case of any questions on this matter, please feel free to contact applicant's contact person Sergey Platonov, sergey\_pl@abbyy.com.



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**DETAILED DECISION**

***Specification***

The abstract of the disclosure is corrected to be of one paragraph.

***Claims***

All informalities specified by the examiner are corrected: [then] than .

***Duplicate Claims***

The inventor is insisting on the leaving claim 1 as well as claim 2 as is. The reason for this is the following.

The whole procedure claimed in claim 1 and claim 2 is rather different.

In the first part the claim 1 specifies the following actions.

1. “A method of object recognition on a bit-mapped image, comprising parsing the image into regions, identifying text and non-text regions, recognition of objects ....”

In the first part the claim 2 specifies the following actions.

2. A method of character recognition on a bit mapped image, comprising parsing the image into regions, identifying text and non-text regions, identifying regions containing characters, recognition of characters ....”

The main novelty of the invention 1 claimed is contained in the following portion of the claim 1:

“... performing the following steps

search and identification of at least one standard element on the said bit-mapped image,

selection of **at least one standard element image** for testing on belonging to the recognized object,

setting up and testing a hypothesis about the recognized object on the basis of the image formed by all aggregate of said selected standard element images as a whole taking into account spatially parametrical correlations thereof.”

and the main novelty of the invention 2 claimed is contained in the following portion of the claim 2

“... performing the following steps

search and identification of at least one standard element on the said bit-mapped image,

**selection of all standard elements in the region presumably containing image of character** for testing on belonging to a recognized character,

setting up and testing a hypothesis about the recognized character using the image formed by all aggregate of said selected standard elements as a whole taking into account spatially parametrical correlations thereof."

The difference between the Claim 1 and Claim 2 is really substantial and is shown by accentuation of the differences by bold font.

### ***Claims Corrections***

As not pretending to be a subject of novelty the action - "recognition of objects" in the first part of claim 1 (line 5) and claim 2 (line 6) does not need to be clarified.

Hence the "recognition of objects" is mentioned as a well known procedure not claimed herewith as a new one the inventor decided to follow the examiner's request and to change the line 5 of the claim 1 as follows: "... recognition of objects by any known method,..." and line 6 of the claim 2 as follows: "... recognition of characters by any known method, ...".

Necessary examples are added to the description explaining **claims 3-4** concept "alternative". The added description does not enlarge of claims scope.

**Claims 5, 11-12** are deleted.

### ***Prior Art Cited***

The inventor accepted the proposed cited documents with thanks.

### ***Conclusion***

In view of the above-said, the author request further examination, taking into account the proposed amendments.

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